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## The marching bands of Howard County



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The Big Red Band of Coahoma High School ended its marching season after coming in 13th at the UIL Area 3A marching contest this past weekend.



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The Forsan band is headed to state. The band is under the direction of Jim Rhodes and Chans Moellendorf. The band will travel to San Antonio to compete in State.



Tony Claxton photography (claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring band director Rocky Harris talks to the band after practice at Memorial Stadium before leaving for the UIL Region VI Marching Contest.

### CHS finishes season strong at Area

By ERIN STEPHENS  
 Staff Writer

The Big Red Band ended its marching season Saturday with a solid performance at UIL Area A 3A Marching preliminary contest held in Amarillo.

Coahoma placed 13th out of the 19 West Texas and Panhandle bands

that marched at Dick Bivins Field. The first seven bands went on to the finals held that same evening. The award-winning Coahoma band performed its show entitled "A Grimm Tale" in front of hundreds of spectators who braved

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### Forsan band heads to state once again

By ERIN STEPHENS  
 Staff Writer

Forsan High School band will once again be participating in the Texas State Marching Band contest at the Alamo-dome in San Antonio on Monday Nov. 6.

The Forsan band is led by head director Jim

Rhodes, assistant director Chans Moellendorf, and color guard instructor Misty Moellendorf. Drum majors this year are Elizabeth Long and Tatum Miller. The Buffalo band competed at the Area A marching contest in Lubbock

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### BSHS ends season on high note

By ERIN STEPHENS  
 Staff Writer

The Steer band is finishing its current marching season on a high note. This year's competition season included a pre-UIL contest, held on Oct. 11 at Ratliff Stadium in Odesa, Texas. At this com-

petition, they got very positive comments that helped prepare them for UIL, but did not receive rankings.

Next was the Big Country Marching Festival in Abilene, Texas, at Wylie High School held

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## Library hosts Halloween 'Read and Treat' tonight

By AMBER MANSFIELD  
 Staff Writer

With Halloween finally here, it's appropriate that today the Howard County Library has pulled a Dr. Frankenstein, and resurrected their annual fall festival. Today they have brought back the "Read and Treat," for the trick or treaters and public of Howard County. Guests can expect festival themed games, Halloween candy and treats, of course books, and more.

Festival goers can find the "Read and Treat" going on in the front of the Howard County Library on 500 Main Street from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Not only will there be a festival

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## With first charges, Mueller sends warning to Trump, aides

By CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller has sent a warning to individuals in President Donald Trump's orbit: If they lie about contacts between the president's campaign and Russians, they'll end up on the wrong end of federal criminal charges.

With the disclosure of the first criminal cases in his investigation, Mueller also showed that he will not hesitate to bring charges against people close to the campaign even if they don't specifically pertain to Russian election interference and possible collusion with the Trump campaign.

Court papers unsealed Monday revealed an indictment against

Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and a guilty plea by another adviser, who admitted to lying to the FBI about meetings with Russian intermediaries.

Perhaps more unsettling for the White House, the plea by George Papadopoulos came weeks ago and his initial arrest has been kept quiet for months, all while he has been cooperating with federal

agents. The charges had been sealed specifically to keep the news of his guilty plea from discouraging others from cooperating with the special counsel or from destroying evidence.

At Papadopoulos' plea hearing earlier this month, one of Mueller's prosecutors, Aaron Zelinsky, hinted at the possibility of more to come. The Mueller probe is "a large-scale ongoing inves-

tigation of which this case is a small part," Zelinsky said, according to a transcript unsealed Monday.

The developments, including the unexpected unsealing of a guilty plea, usher Mueller's investigation into a new, more serious phase. And the revelations in the guilty plea about an adviser's Russian contacts could

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### Area cities plan Veterans' Day closures

By ROGER CLINE  
 Staff Writer

Area cities have announced their closure schedules for the Veteran's Day weekend. Veterans' Day is Saturday, Nov. 11, prompting some municipalities to give their employees a day off on Friday, and others on Monday. All area school districts plan to hold classes as

usual both Friday and Monday.

The City of Big Spring is planning a split schedule; employees that are normally off on Saturday will get Friday, Nov. 10, off in observance of the holiday. Most city offices will be closed on Nov. 10. Employees that normally work on Saturday – notably City

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**Happy Halloween!**  
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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **GEORGINA LOPEZ**, 35, of 1011 N. Runnels St. was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation/assault.
- **JOLANDA JIMENEZ GONZALES**, 48, of 704 S. San Antonio St. was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and expired driver's license.
- **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ III**, 33, of 1107 N. Goliad St. was arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury (family member).

- **LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ**, 32, of 410 W. Eighth St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ANDREW DUSTIN HIXON**, 29, of 5413 Opal Lane was arrested on warrants for terroristic threat placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury, and assault (family violence)/threat or offensive touch.
- **KODY MARK BARBER**, 18, of 5200 W. FM 818 was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle or watercraft.
- **LUIS MANUEL MUNOZ**, 21, of 5102 Wasson Rd. was arrested

on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia St., the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway, and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of East Second Street and the 400 block of State Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of East 24th Street.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- **KODY MARK BARBER**, 18, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle or watercraft.
- **ANDY LEE CUELLAR**, 32, was booked by HCSO on a bench warrant for possession of a controlled substance.
- **JOLANDA JIMENEZ GONZALES**, 48, was booked by BSPD on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and expired driver's license.
- **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ III**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury (family member).
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- **LUIS MANUEL MUNOZ**, 21, was booked by HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 33, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for violation of motor fuel tax requirements.
- **LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft (less than \$100).

## Take Note

• The City of Big Spring Water Billing Office, located in the Polly Mays Annex at 501 Runnels St., will close an hour early this Friday, Nov. 4, for quarterly pesticide treatment.

The office will re-open as usual Monday morning at 8 a.m.

For more information contact the Water Billing Office at 432-264-2542.

• The Salvation Army will take applications for its Angel Tree Christmas assistance program on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. from 8 p.m. This program is for children ages 13 and under, and seniors age 60 and up. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building, 811 W. 5th St.

To apply for Christmas assistance, you will need to provide the following: picture I.D.(applicant), proof of address, birth certificates (children 13 and younger), and proof of government assistance (ex: food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc). If you do not receive any form of government assistance you will need to show proof of income. Also, please provide the ages, clothing, and shoe sizes of each child/senior. The Salvation Army asks that applicants not bring children to the application event.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

## Sheriff

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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Saturday Oct. 28.

There were 25 bands that competed for five open spots at the state contest. Forsan High School advanced to the Texas State Marching Band contest by finishing in second place at the finals.

"We have 120 band members this year and it will Forsan's 10th time to qualify for state, with state being every other year," said Rhodes. "The directors are so proud

of this group and their hard work has definitely paid off with summer band, Monday night practice, festivals, and clinics."

At the contest on Nov. 6, the class AA prelims begin at 4 p.m. Forsan marches at 8:24 p.m. that night. If the band places in the top seven, they will compete in the finals the next morning, Nov. 7, at 8:45 a.m. The show at this year's state contest will be "Viking Legends," and selections are "Eric the Red," "Freyja, Goddess of Love," "Loki, the Trickster," and

"Journey to Valhalla." The prop on the field this year was made by fathers of the band members.

"There are only 18 bands left competing and we are one of them," said Rhodes. "I'd like to send a great big thank you to our fans, band sponsors, band dads, and administrators." "Our Viking ship is sailing to San Antonio."

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# BSHS

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on Oct. 16.

"We received a Division 1 ranking from all three judges along with recognition for outstanding color guard and band in 4A," said Big Spring High School band director Rocky Harris. "We concluded our marching season with the Region 6 UIL com-

petition on Oct. 23 at Wylie High School, where we received an overall ranking of Division 1."

This is a non-advancing year for 4A schools, so the band won't be attending area or state competitions. The Steer band will conclude the year with a final performance of the music played at their marching competitions, on Dec. 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School

auditorium. This is the last show of the year.

"We've had a wonderful season and worked very hard to produce a high quality show that was difficult," said Harris. "We've learned a lot from this year that will help out next year."

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Landfill employees - will work on Friday and get Saturday off. The landfill will remain open Nov. 10 and close on Nov. 11.

As always, emergency services will remain on duty, and water repair crews will be on call during the holiday.

The Big Spring City Council also has a couple of meeting cancellations coming up. The council usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. In November and December, however, the council will only hold one meeting per month on

Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. The meetings which would be held Nov. 28 and Dec. 26 have been canceled due to their proximity to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The City of Coahoma will close city offices on Monday, Nov. 13, while the City of Forsan will close city offices on Friday, Nov. 10.

For more information, contact the City of Big Spring at 432-264-2346; the City of Coahoma at 432-394-4287; or the City of Forsan at 432-457-2355.

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# TRUMP

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complicate the president's assertions that his campaign had never coordinated with the Russian government to tip the 2016 presidential election in his favor, the central issue behind Mueller's mandate.

The Kremlin denied Russia is implicated by the first criminal cases against associates of President Donald Trump.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov says that says that connections between Papadopoulos and a man he believed to have links to the Russian Foreign Ministry did not prove any complicity by the Russian government.

"So far Russia doesn't figure in any way in these charges which have been made," he said. Peskov adds that accusations of Russian meddling in the election remain "unfounded."

Manafort, who steered Trump's campaign for much of last year, and business associate Rick Gates ended the day under house arrest on charges that they funneled payments through foreign companies and bank accounts as part of their political work in Ukraine.

Papadopoulos, also a former campaign adviser, faced further questioning and then sentencing in the first - and so far only - criminal case that links the Trump election effort to the Kremlin.

Manafort and Gates, who pleaded not guilty in federal court, are not charged with any wrongdoing as part of the Trump campaign,

and the president immediately sought to distance himself from the allegations.

He said on Twitter that the alleged crimes occurred "years ago," and he insisted anew there was "NO COLLUSION" between his campaign and Russia.

But potentially more perilous for the president was the guilty plea by former adviser Papadopoulos, who admitted in newly unsealed court papers that he was told in April 2016 that the Russians had "dirt" on Democratic rival Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails," well before it became public that the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta's emails had been hacked.

Papadopoulos was not charged with having improper communications with Russians but rather with lying to FBI agents when asked about the contacts, suggesting that Mueller - who was appointed in May to lead the Justice Department's investigation - is prepared to indict for false statements even if the underlying conduct he uncovers might not necessarily be criminal.

Mueller's investigation has already shadowed the administration for months, with investigators reaching into the White House to demand access to documents and interviews with key current and former officials.

The Papadopoulos plea occurred on Oct. 5 but was not unsealed until Monday, creating further woes for an administration that had prepared over the

weekend to deflect the Manafort allegations. In court papers, Papadopoulos admitted lying to FBI agents about the nature of his interactions with "foreign nationals" who he thought had close connections to senior Russian government officials.

The court filings don't say whom Papadopoulos may have told about the Russian claims about possessing emails damaging to Clinton.

According to a previous filing in the case, Papadopoulos told the FBI that he didn't tell anyone in the Trump campaign about the "dirt" on Clinton because he didn't know if it "was real or fake."

Previous emails obtained by The Associated Press show Papadopoulos discussing his attempts to line up a meeting between Trump and the Russian government.

The emails showed that Manafort and Gates, who were top officials in the campaign at the time, rebuffed those efforts.

Papadopoulos has been cooperating with investigators, according to the court papers. His lawyers hinted strongly in a statement Monday that their client has more testimony to provide.

There, too, the White House scrambled to contain the potential fallout, with press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders contending that Papadopoulos' role in the campaign was "extremely limited." She said that "any actions that he took would have been on his own."

# Halloween spirit



Courtesy photo

The employees of Wells Fargo are ready for trick-or-treaters. Wells Fargo is a Safe Stop tonight for Halloween and will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with lots more treats than tricks.

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going on, but the Howard County Library will doubling as a safe stop for those who are out trick or treating. Some of the games at this year's festival include basketball hoops, a Coke ring toss where the winners gets a Coke, a book walk, a go fishing pong, and a scavenger hunt just to name a few.

"We have just your typical festival games," said Donna Downing, who works at the

Howard County Library. "But they are some of the good old favorites for the public to enjoy."

"Read and Treat" will be open to the public and all the festival games are also free to play.

"We just want everyone to come and have a good time," said Downing. "We love doing this for the community and the kids."

For more information regarding the "Read and Treat" festival call 432-264-2260.

# CHS

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the sunny but cool and windy weather to watch a full day of competition.

"I am proud of the performance our student's gave at Area," said John Landin, head band director. "They worked many hours to get to this moment. They represented their school and themselves well at multiple contest this season."

The band traveled about three and half hours to Amarillo to compete Saturday after spending Friday night in the stands exposed to freezing temperatures cheering on the varsity football players as they competed in a very important game against the Colorado City Wolves.

Earlier in the season, the band earned a Division I rating at UIL Re-

gion 6 contest and at the Concho Classic Marching Festival where the band's Color Guard received the Outstanding Color Guard award for Class 3A Schools.

"The kid's are looking forward to adding more stand tunes for our upcoming playoff run with the football team," Landin said. "After football season we will turn our attention toward concert season and completing our run at a third consecutive Sweepstakes award."

The Color Guard choreography for the 2017 show is by Zach McKennon and dance choreography is by Stevi

McKinnon, owner of the Dance Gallery in Big Spring. The show centers on the Brothers Grimm version of Little Red Riding Hood.

This year's band is led by seniors Tyler McFall, Hope Ramirez, and Reagan Deel. assistant band directors for the program are Jessica Fox and Kira Landin.

The public can next watch the award winning Big Red Band perform on Friday, Nov. 9, during halftime of the Coahoma Bulldogs/Lubbock Roosevelt football game in Lubbock. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

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## Police: 1 dead after being shot by man dressed as Santa

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Police in Austin say a person attending a Halloween party has died hours after being shot along with two others by a man dressed as Santa Claus. Thirty-two-year-old Randall Gaston Jones was being held without bail Monday at the Travis County jail in the death of 37-year-old Michael McCloskey.

Jones is facing three counts of aggravated assault. Online jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney.

Investigators say the shooting occurred early Sunday at his home following a dispute with the others.

Jones went to a nearby residence and told a neighbor about the shooting and said he intended to surrender to authorities.

Police say he placed a handgun on the neighbor's welcome mat and waited for officers to arrive.

Authorities initially said the gunshot wounds weren't considered life-threatening.

## American drops 1 more vestige of once-proud TWA

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines is closing its pilot base in St. Louis, one more disappearing vestige of the carrier's takeover of once-proud TWA nearly two decades ago.

American announced Monday that starting next September the 180 pilots based in St. Louis will have to move or commute to assignments — not unusual in the airline business — if they want to keep their jobs.

The move comes as American retires TWA's old MD-80 planes and replaces them with Boeing 737s.

TWA was an iconic name in aviation, but after years of decline it went into bankruptcy protection. That's when Fort Worth-based American bought it in 2001.

TWA had 2,300 pilots at the time. American says 1,000 remain; many of the others hit retirement age.

## Woman's body found in car trunk following Texas police chase

KAUFMAN, Texas (AP) — Officials east of Dallas say a New Orleans man who led authorities on a highway chase following a road-rage incident told a sheriff's deputy that a woman's body was in the trunk of his car.

Thirty-three-year-old Freddie Gilbert was being held Monday in the Kaufman County jail on charges that include evading arrest.

Kaufman County sheriff's spokeswoman Jolie Stewart says police were notified Sunday of a road-rage incident in which a gun was fired at a car carrying four people.

A deputy found the suspect's car on Interstate 20, a chase ensued and the car later crashed.

The deputy found the body after being told it was in the trunk. Authorities have not released the name of the woman or the cause of death.

Online jail records did not indicate an attorney for Gilbert.

## Vistra Energy, Dynegy to combine in all-stock deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Vistra Energy and Dynegy will join in an all-stock deal to create a power company with 2.7 million residential and 240,000 industrial customers.

Dynegy shareholders will receive 0.652 shares of Vistra stock for each Dynegy share. Vistra shareholders will hold 79 percent of the combined company. Based on Vistra's closing price of \$20.30 last Friday, Dynegy shareholders will get \$13.24 per share.

Dynegy, of Houston, has 1.2 million customers and employs 2,400 people. Vistra has about 4,500 employees and operates Lumiant and TXU Energy, which sells electricity to about 1.7 million customers in Texas.

The company, which will keep Vistra's Irving, Texas headquarters, will have a market capitalization of more than \$10 billion.

The deal is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2018, subject to shareholder approval.

# 4 Texas death row inmates lose appeals at US Supreme Court

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press  
HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to review the appeals of four condemned inmates in Texas, including a woman on death row for the 2010 slaying of her developmentally disabled baby sitter.

Kimberly Cargill, of Whitehouse in East Texas, is one of six women on death row in Texas, which is the most active capital-punishment state in the U.S. and has executed six prisoners so far this year. Cargill, 50, was convicted in 2012 in Smith County.

The high court also refused to review the appeals of Raul Cortez, 36, sentenced to die for a 2004 quadruple fatal shooting in the Dallas suburb of McKinney; Rosendo Rodriguez III, 37, convicted of the 2005 slaying of a pregnant Lubbock woman; and Damon Matthews, 32, on death row for the 2003 Houston killing of a friend whose car was stolen during the crime.

The court did not comment on its reasons for refusing the appeals. None of the four prisoners has an execution date.

Cargill was convicted and put on death row for causing the asphyxiation of 39-year-old Cherry Walker in June 2010. Court records show her lawyers have until late April 2018 to file a more extensive appeal in a fed-

eral district court and that state attorneys will have three months to respond to that appeal.

At her trial, prosecutors said Cargill was facing a child abuse investigation and that she had already lost custody of one of her two children. They argued she killed Walker to keep her from testifying at a custody hearing. Walker's body, found on the side of a road in Smith County, had been doused with lighter fluid and set on fire. An autopsy determined she was asphyxiated.

Cargill testified that Walker had suffered a seizure and stopped breathing while she was driving Walker home, and that she panicked and didn't seek medical help.

Rodriguez was convicted of the 2005 beating and choking death of 29-year-old Summer Baldwin, who was five weeks pregnant. Her body was stuffed inside a piece of luggage found at the city landfill in Lubbock, where she lived and where Rodriguez was training as a Marine reservist.

Court records show Rodriguez was linked to at least five other sexual assaults and to the disappearance of 16-year-old Joanna Rogers, who had been missing more than a year. He confessed to killing the teenager, whose body was also found in a suitcase in the Lubbock landfill.

Cortez was convicted of the killings of four people during a botched robbery



AP photo  
This undated file photo provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shows Kimberly Cargill. The East Texas woman on death row for the slaying of her developmentally disabled baby sitter is among four condemned Texas prisoners losing appeals Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, at the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court, without comment, refused to review the case of 50-year-old Cargill, of Whitehouse, who was convicted in Smith County in 2012.

attempt at a McKinney home in 2004. Authorities have called it Collin County's worst mass slaying. It went unsolved for three years until an accomplice acknowledged his involvement and implicated Cortez. The victims were Rosa Barbosa, 46, the manager of a check-cashing business; her nephew, Mark Bar-

bosa, 25; and his friends, Matthew Self, 17, and Austin York, 18.

Matthews was put on death row for shooting a friend, 20-year-old Esphandiar Gonzalez, seven times in the head and stealing his car in 2003 in Houston. Matthews was arrested hours later as he was cleaning blood from inside the car.

## Louisiana could be key to bat survival of white-nose fungus

By STEVE HARDY

The Advocate  
BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — As Halloween approaches, it's the bats who should be scared.

A relatively new disease has ravaged populations across the eastern half of North America, but Louisiana could hold the key to keeping species alive.

Bats — of the order Chiroptera, meaning "winged hands" — may conjure images of blood-sucking vampires, but the local varieties are interested in eating only insects, making them vital to their human neighbors.

"The fewer bats we have, the more (pesticide) chemicals go on our crop foods. (Bats) contribute billions in ecosys-

tem services to the agriculture industry," says Louisiana Fisheries and Wildlife zoologist Beau Gregory.

The plague on bats is a disease known as white nose syndrome. It's caused by the ominously named fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, or Pd for short. Bats contract white nose when they come into contact with another bat or surface where Pd is present. It's especially dangerous for hibernating bats because their immune system is suppressed while they're dormant.

As its name implies, the syndrome causes white fungus to grow on non-hairy parts of bats' bodies, including their noses and wings. Those areas

can develop infected lesions.

Yet the bigger problem is the disease wakes up hibernating bats when they should be conserving their energy, says Texas Tech biology professor Richard Stevens, a bat researcher who formerly worked at LSU.

"They're on a pretty tight energy balance and they just run out of energy and die," he said.

Louisiana's warm climate and lack of rock caves is giving scientists hope that the state's particular

ecosystem could shelter species that are dying out elsewhere.

The state's warm climate means insects are active year-round, so bats don't have to hibernate. Also, Pd has an unusual preference for cooler temperature.

Also, without rock caves, concentrate

bat populations elsewhere and allow the mass transmission of disease, Louisiana bats are more likely to roost in trees and other smaller sites, preventing large-scale Pd breakout.

White nose is believed to have originated in New

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# 'House of Cards' cancelled as fallout continues for Spacey

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — The fallout from Kevin Spacey's response to being accused of alleged sexual assault continued Monday, with the two-time Oscar winner being harshly criticized on social media, the plug pulled on his hit show "House of Cards" and "deeply troubled" producers of the political thriller arriving on set to comfort cast mates.

Executives from Netflix and the show's producer, Media Rights Capital, said they arrived in Baltimore, where the show is shot, on Monday afternoon to make sure actors and crew "continue to feel safe and supported." Spacey was not scheduled to be on set on Monday.

Though the decision to end the series was announced on Monday, the decision to pull the plug on the series was made several months ago, according to a person with knowledge of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the decision.

Spacey is the latest Hollywood man to be named in widening allegations of sexual harassment and abuse in entertainment, media and other industries. The avalanche of allegations began earlier this month after the New York Times published a story alleging that producer Harvey Weinstein had sexually harassed numerous women.

On Monday, NBC fired political journalist Mark Halperin after multiple allegations of sexual harassment, and The New Republic said it had launched an investigation after publisher and president Hamilton Fish was accused of harassing women.

In an interview published by

BuzzFeed News on Sunday, actor Anthony Rapp alleged that he was attending a party at Spacey's apartment in 1986 when an inebriated 26-year-old Spacey picked him up, placed him on his bed, and climbed on top of him. Rapp, then 14, was able to get away without any physical harm.

Spacey responded on Twitter by saying he doesn't remember the alleged encounter but if he acted the way Rapp alleges, "I owe him the sincerest apology for what would have been deeply inappropriate drunken behavior."

Spacey then said Rapp's story "encouraged" him to address long-simmering rumors about his sexuality. He wrote that he's had romantic relationships with both men and women in the past but is now living "as a gay man" and wanted to be honest so he could examine "my own behavior." Requests for comment went unanswered Monday.

The two-paragraph statement — an apology in the first for a 31-year-old alleged assault and a self-outing in the second — struck many as an odd time for Spacey to address his sexuality or even an attempt to deflect blame. Worse, he seemed to make a connection between being gay and sexual abuse of minors.

"Kevin Spacey really tried to throw the entire LGBT community under a bus and call it solidarity in an effort to mask his personal failings," wrote civil rights activist DeRay Mckesson on Twitter. Actor Zachary Quinto called Spacey's outing "a calculated manipulation to deflect attention from the very serious accusations."

Sarah Kate Ellis, president and CEO of the gay rights group GLAAD said in a statement that the story was really about unwanted sexual advances



AP photo

Spacey says he is "beyond horrified" by allegations that he made sexual advances on a teen boy in 1986. Spacey posted on Twitter that he does not remember the encounter but apologizes for the behavior.

on Rapp not Spacey's sexuality. "Coming out stories should not be used to deflect from allegations of sexual assault," she said.

Rapp cited the dozens of Weinstein accusers as the reason he recounted his encounter with Spacey.

"I came forward with my story, standing on the shoulders of the many courageous women and men who have been speaking out to shine a light and hopefully make a difference, as they have done for me," he

wrote on Twitter. Rapp, who starred on Broadway in "Rent," currently stars in "Star Trek: Discovery."

Many Hollywood figures came to Rapp's side, including fellow "Discovery" co-star Wilson Cruz and Rose McGowan, one of the leading voices against sexual harassment in Hollywood, who said of Spacey: "It's your turn to cry."

Two comedians offered withering

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York state around 2006, likely caused by a human traveler introducing Pd from Europe. In the years since, the fungus has raced up and down the Appalachian Mountains and spread around the Great Lakes and the Ozarks.

When white nose breaks out in a bat population, more than 90 percent of individuals have died, federal Fish and Wildlife officials wrote in a June statement. At that time, they were announcing that the disease had penetrated into Alabama. Researchers found infected bats within the Lake Purdy Corkscrew Cave outside Birmingham. For the first time, the southeastern bat species had fallen ill.

While many affected species range widely throughout North America, the southeastern bat is more particular, confining itself to the Gulf and southern Atlantic coasts and the lower portions of the Mississippi and Ohio river basins.

"We are disappointed to find white-nose syndrome in another species, but hopeful that the southeastern bat may fare better than many of its more northern cousins based on how long it took to be diagnosed with the disease," Jeremy Coleman, the national white nose coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said in a written

statement.

Louisiana is home to at least a dozen bat species, according to the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Four of those varieties — the big brown bat, tri-colored bat, long-eared northern bat and southeastern bat — have contracted white nose, though none of the cases were reported in Louisiana.

However, the state is surrounded by outbreaks of Pd. White nose is already prevalent in Arkansas, and while the disease has not yet been confirmed in Texas or Mississippi, scientists have found the fungus that causes it.

"We have been vigilant in doing surveillance projects," like swabbing bridges and culverts in northeast Louisiana where bats like to live, said Gregory, the state zoologist.

Leslie Lattimore, director of the Wings of Hope wildlife sanctuary in Livingston, said her organization works with the state and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to test bats for illness, including rabies and white nose. The fungal disease is alarming due to its rapid transmission; Lattimore says the status seems to change every day.

"It travels so very, very fast," she said.

Some species may go extinct, Stevens predicts. The northern long-eared bat, which has a wide range that includes north Louisiana, has already been classified as

a threatened species due to the white nose epidemic. Alabama officials have said the tri-colored bats — which also live in Louisiana — are disappearing from their state.

Humans have tried to intervene by using anti-fungal agents to kill Pd, but those haven't proven very effective. The best thing people can do is clean their clothes and gear before entering a bat habitat such as a cave to prevent spores from spreading, the experts say.

"I imagine this is just going to play out naturally," Stevens says.

What he means is that eventually the susceptible bats will die off, leaving only the individuals resistant to white nose which can hopefully pass that hardiness on to their offspring. European bats appear immune to the syndrome, evidence that those species have already weathered their epidemic.

However, those species-wide shifts could take hundreds — if not thousands — of years to play out. Until then, there is

a hope that Louisiana could be a reservoir where species could hide out without going extinct.

Bats fill an important ecological niche. The world's only flying mammals can consume a whopping 85 percent of their body weight in insects each night, Stevens says. While some bats eat fruit or even blood elsewhere in the world, the varieties across Louisiana are all insectivorous.

In one study, 150 big brown bats were able to scarf down 1.3 million bugs in a year, Stevens says. Some species specialize on moths or beetles, while others, like the southeastern bat, are less picky. Texans have proven that bats are especially helpful in con-

trolling bollworms and other pests that eat their corn and cotton, but they're important to all types of crops.

In fact, the federal government has quantified just how important bats are to the U.S. economy: \$74 per acre for the average farmer.

"Insect-eating bats keep agricultural pest populations down, saving farmers at least \$3.7 billion per year in lost crop revenue and preventing the need for spraying costly toxic chemicals," the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced in July as it distributed money for states to study white nose.

Louisiana claimed \$24,500, to be used to survey bat ecosystems this winter.



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# On stand, Bergdahl apologizes to those hurt looking for him



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United States Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl arrives at the Fort Bragg courtroom facility for a sentencing hearing on Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, on Fort Bragg, N.C. Bergdahl, who walked off his base in Afghanistan in 2009 and was held by the Taliban for five years, pleaded guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy.

By JONATHAN DREW

Associated Press  
FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — In an unexpected and emotional statement, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl apologized in court Monday to all the military personnel who

were wounded searching for him and described the daily nightmares and flashbacks to his five years in captivity of Taliban allies he still endures.

Bergdahl was the first witness in what's expected to be a multi-day presentation by the defense to the judge who will decide his punishment for endangering comrades by walking off his post in Afghanistan in 2009. He spoke for two hours, giving a wide-ranging description of his brutal years in captivity and what challenges he still faces with daily life.

"I would like everyone who searched for me to know it was never my intention for anyone to be hurt, and I never expected that to happen," he said, choking up at times. "My words alone can't take away their pain."

Bergdahl faces a maximum of life in prison after pleading guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy.

His appearance on the witness stand, which the defense hadn't publicly made known in advance, served as a dramatic counterpoint to several days of emotionally wrenching testimony

by several service members who were seriously wounded during a massive search effort. He described the brutal conditions he faced, including beatings with copper wire and unending bouts of gastrointestinal problems brought on by squalid conditions. He was kept in a cage for four out of the five years after several escape attempts, and his muscles atrophied to the point he could barely stand or walk.

Asked by a defense attorney what the worst part of captivity was, he responded that it wasn't the beatings.

"The worst was the constant, just the constant deterioration of everything. The constant pain from my body falling apart. The constant screams from my mind," he said, haltingly. "It was the years of waiting to see whether or not the next time someone opens the door if that would be the person coming to execute you."

Bergdahl said he still has nightmares that make it hard to sleep more than five hours. He checks his door at least three times to make sure it's secure each night and sleeps with

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# Manafort and Gates face decades in prison, millions in fines

By MICHAEL BIESECKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and Manafort's business associate Rick Gates face decades in federal prison and millions of dollars in potential fines if convicted on all counts in a sprawling federal indictment unsealed Monday.

Manafort potentially faces up to 80 years in prison, according to a review of the federal charges and the relevant statutes by The Associated Press. Gates, who also worked for the Trump campaign, faces up to 70 years.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller could still file additional charges against the pair. If convicted at trial, the law gives federal judges wide latitude in imposing prison sentences and fines. White-collar defendants often end up serving only a fraction of their statutory maximum sentences, especially if they reach a pre-trial agreement with prosecutors as part of an admission of guilt.

Prosecutors allege that Manafort and Gates worked as unregistered

agents of the government of Ukraine and the Party of Regions, a pro-Russian political party led by Victor Yanukovich. While serving as president of the former Soviet republic from 2010 to 2014, Yanukovich was closely aligned with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The indictment says that up to \$75 million flowed through overseas accounts controlled by the two Americans. Manafort is alleged to have laundered more than \$18 million he used to buy property and goods in the United States. Gates is alleged to have transferred more than \$3 million to accounts he controlled.

Manafort was released Monday on home confinement after posting a \$10 million bond. Gates was released on a \$5 million bond.

In a separate development Monday, newly unsealed court documents show George Papadopoulos, a former foreign policy adviser to Donald Trump, pleaded guilty on Oct. 5.

As part of a sworn statement to the court, Papadopoulos says he repeatedly met in 2016 with Russians

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# US court bars Trump from reversing transgender troops policy

By DAVID CRARY and JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday barred President Donald Trump's administration from proceeding with plans to exclude transgender people from military service.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly ruled that the transgender service members who had sued over Trump's policy were likely to win their lawsuit. She directed a return to the situation that existed before Trump announced his new policy this summer, saying the administration had provided no solid evidence for why a ban should be implemented.

Trump had ordered a reinstatement of the longstanding policy that barred transgender individuals from joining the military; service members who were revealed to be transgender were subject to discharge. Under President Barack Obama, that policy was changed last year to allow transgender people to serve openly.

The Trump admin-

istration may appeal Kollar-Kotelly's decision, but for now, the proposed ban remains unenforceable under Kollar-Kotelly's preliminary injunction.

"We disagree with the court's ruling and are currently evaluating the next steps," said Justice Department spokesman Lauren Ehrsam.

She reiterated the department's view that the lawsuit was premature because the Pentagon was still in the process of reviewing how the transgender policy might evolve.

One of the attorneys handling the lawsuit, Shannon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said the ruling was an enormous relief to his clients.

"Their lives have been devastated since Trump first tweeted he was reinstating the ban," Minter said. "They are now able to serve on equal terms with everyone else."

Trump announced on Twitter in July that the government "will not accept or allow transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military."

He followed with an

August memo directing the Pentagon to extend indefinitely a ban on transgender individuals joining the military, and gave Defense Secretary Jim Mattis six months to come up with a policy on "how to address" those who are currently serving.

Under the Obama administration, the Department of Defense had announced in 2016 that service members could not be discharged solely based on their gender identity. Transgender individuals were to be allowed to enlist in the military in June 2017, a timeline initially delayed under the Trump administration to Jan. 1, 2018.

Minter said the new court ruling means they will be able to enlist as of that date.

The Trump administration had asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit; Kollar-Kotelly refused to do so, and Minter said it's possible the case will go to trial.

One issue not directly addressed in Monday's ruling was whether federal funds should be used to pay for sexual reassignment

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criticism: "You do not get to 'choose' to hide under the rainbow!" Wanda Sykes, outspoken member of the LGBT community, wrote on Twitter. Billy Eichner also blasted the move: "Kevin Spacey has just invented something that has never existed before: a bad time to come out."

Former "House of Cards" showrunner Beau Willimon, who also serves as the president of the Writers Guild of America, East, called Rapp's story "deeply troubling."

In a statement, Willimon said: "During the time I worked with Kevin Spacey on 'House of Cards,' I neither witnessed nor was aware of any inappropriate behavior on set or off. That said, I take reports of such behavior seriously and this is no exception. I feel for Mr. Rapp and I support his courage."



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In this Sunday, June 11, 2017 file photo, Equality March for Unity and Pride participants march past the White House in Washington. A federal court in Washington is barring President Donald Trump from changing the government's policy on military service by transgender people.

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surgeries for members of the military. The administration has sought to prohibit such payments; Kollar-Kotelly said she didn't have jurisdiction to rule on the issue because none of the plaintiffs in the case established a likelihood of being impacted by that prohibition.

The lawsuit was filed in August by the National Center for Lesbian Rights and GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) on behalf of eight transgender individuals, including service members in the Air Force, Coast Guard and the Army, as well as students at the U.S. Naval Academy and in the ROTC program at the University of New Haven.

The Justice Department, in seeking the lawsuit's dismissal, said none of the plaintiffs had established that they will be impacted by current policies on military service.

The two advocacy groups who filed the lawsuit assailed that assertion. They highlighted the uncertainty facing Regan Kibby, the transgender Naval Academy student who — because of Trump's action — was unsure

whether he would be able to join the Navy on graduation.

Kollar-Kotelly said the plaintiffs clearly established that they would be harmed by the administration's directives. She also contended that the plaintiffs were likely to prevail in arguing that the directives were unconstitutionally discriminatory — targeting transgender people without evidence that their service caused substantive problems for the military.

The directives "do not appear to be supported by any facts," the judge wrote.

Other lawsuits challenging president's directive have been filed in Seattle and Baltimore.

Oral arguments are scheduled Nov. 9 for the Baltimore lawsuit, which was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of six transgender service members.

"The federal courts are recognizing what everyone already knows to be true: President Trump's impulsive decision to ban on transgender people from serving in the military service was blatantly unconstitutional," said Joshua Block, senior staff attorney with the ACLU's LGBT & HIV Project.

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a flashlight nearby.

He wakes up sometimes not remembering that he's back in the U.S., he said, and has daytime flashbacks to captivity arising from unpredictable triggers.

"It could be anything: A smell, perfume, damp earth, garbage," he said.

The 31-year-old soldier from Hailey, Idaho, was brought home by President Barack Obama brought him in 2014 in a swap for five Taliban prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.

Because Bergdahl's words in court were an unsworn statement, prosecutors won't be given the chance to cross-examine him.

His dramatic words came after an eventful morning in which the judge ruled that President Donald Trump's scathing criticism Bergdahl won't prevent the soldier from receiving a fair sentence.

Then-Republican nominee Trump repeatedly called Bergdahl a traitor on the campaign trail and suggested that he be shot or thrown from a plane without a parachute. Trump revived those comments when Bergdahl pleaded guilty on Oct. 16 by saying at

a news conference that he thinks people are aware of what he said before.

Nance did say he would keep Trump's comments in mind as he weighs other factors that will go into his sentencing decision. The hearing is expected to last several more days.

Following Nance's ruling, prosecutors called their final witness, Shannon Allen, to discuss a traumatic brain injury suffered by her husband when he was shot in the head during a search mission for Bergdahl. National Guard Master Sgt. Mark Allen was on a mission to gather information in two villages in July 2009 when his unit was ambushed by insurgents using small arms, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

The soldier is unable to speak, uses a wheelchair and needs help with everyday tasks, his wife testified.

Shannon Allen's voice faltered when she referred to the brain injury's effect on his interactions with their daughter, who was an infant when he was wounded. She is now 9 and Mark Allen is in his mid-30s.

"He's not able to reach out for her or talk to her," she said, tearing up and pausing to take a deep breath. "He's never had the chance to really play with her or help coach her sports or ask about her day."

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offering "dirt" on Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Papadopoulos says he then relayed that and other messages from the Russians to senior members of Trump's GOP campaign.

Papadopoulos' guilty plea came as part of an agreement with prosecutors that signals he could avoid prison time as part of an apparent deal to cooperate with Mueller's team.

A summary of the charges encompassed in the 31-page indictment of Manafort and Gates, and the potential penalties:

### COUNT ONE: Conspiracy Against the United States

Both men are charged with conspiring together and with others to knowingly and intentionally defraud and commit crimes against the United States between 2006 and 2017. If found guilty of this count, each potentially faces up to five years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

### COUNT TWO: Conspiracy to Launder Money

Both men are charged with conspiring together and with others to transfer funds from outside the United States to and through places inside the country without properly disclosing the transactions or paying required federal taxes. Penalties for this count include up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of either \$500,000 or twice the monetary value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater.

### COUNTS THREE THROUGH SIX: Failure to File Reports of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts

The indictment alleges that for each calendar year between 2012 and 2015, Manafort failed to disclose to the U.S. Treasury Department that he had a financial interest in and authority over bank accounts in a foreign country involving more than \$10,000. Penalties include up to 10 years in federal prison for each of the four counts and fines of up to \$100,000, or up to 50 percent of the total value for the transactions, for each of the four years encompassed in the counts.

### COUNTS SEVEN THROUGH NINE: Failure to File Reports of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts

The indictment also alleges that between 2012 and 2014 Gates failed to disclose to the U.S. Treasury Department that he had a financial interest in and authority over bank accounts in a foreign country involving more than \$10,000. Penalties include up to 10 years in federal prison for each of the four counts and fines of up to \$100,000, or up to 50 percent of the total value for the transactions, for each of the four years encompassed in the counts.

### COUNT TEN: Unregistered Agent of a Foreign Principal

Prosecutors allege that both men failed to register with the U.S. attorney general as foreign agents of the government of Ukraine, the Part of Regents and Yanukovich between 2008 and 2014. Penalties include up to five years in federal prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

### COUNT ELEVEN: False and misleading statements under the Foreign Agents Registration Act

The indictment alleges that both men made multiple false statements to federal officials in relation to their failure to register as foreign agents of the Ukrainian government. Penalties include up to five years in federal prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

### COUNT TWELVE: False Statements

Prosecutors allege that between November 2016 and February 2017 that Manafort and Gates conspired together and caused others to make false statements and conceal crimes against the United States. The penalty for this count is up to five years in prison.

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## Crews scramble to restore power to Northeast after storm

By DAVID SHARP  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Utility crews scrambled to restore power throughout New England on Tuesday, one day after a severe storm packing hurricane-force wind gusts and torrential rain left more than a million customers without electricity and forced communities to postpone Halloween festivities due to damage.

The storm knocked out power to nearly 1.5 million homes and business at its peak Monday across the region. More than 840,000 customers remained in the dark Tuesday morning.

A house was swept away by raging waters in New Hampshire, sailboats crashed onto a

beach in Massachusetts and an empty scaffolding truck was blown off of a bridge that's under construction between Maine and New Hampshire.

Thousands of trees were toppled, some falling onto houses and cars.

"Trees were falling all around me. I could hear them crashing down," said John Carroll, spokesman for Central Maine Power, describing his commute to work Monday. "It was terrifying. It was wild."

Miraculously, no serious injuries were reported.

New England bore the brunt of the storm with winds gusting to 82 mph in Mashpee on Cape Cod in Massachusetts and topping out at 130 mph

at the Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire.

Nearly 500,000 homes and businesses in Maine lost electricity, surpassing the peak number from an infamous 1998 ice storm. Officials said the storm left 450,000 customers in New Hampshire without power at its peak and produced wind gusts of 78 mph.

In Warren, New Hampshire, dramatic video captured a one-story house being swept away by a raging river before crashing into a bridge and breaking apart. No one was in the house at the time.

Some cities and towns in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut postponed trick-or-treating

from Halloween night — Tuesday — to as late as Sunday evening due to safety concerns including darkened streets, downed power lines and debris.

Electricity was slowly being restored. But in Maine, the state's largest utility warned residents to be prepared to be without electricity for up to a week.

Rachel Graham, her husband and their 2-year-old daughter endured the storm in a yurt where they are staying while they build a house on their property in Freeport, Maine. They listened as 20 pine trees snapped and wind gusts lashed the yurt.

"You could feel everything and hear every-

thing," Graham said. "It was a lot of crashes and bangs."

In the Boston suburb of Brookline, Helene Dunlap said her power went out after she heard a loud "kaboom" early Monday morning. She went outside hours later to find a large tree had fallen on a neighboring home.

"It really shook the whole place up," she said. "It was such a dark, stormy night that looking out the window we really couldn't determine what was going on."

A tree fell and sheared off the rear of a home in Methuen in northeastern Massachusetts, along the New Hampshire line. The tree

crashed into Philip Cole's bedroom, where he would have been if he hadn't been called into work Sunday night.

"You opened the door to my bedroom, and there's no bedroom," Cole told WBZ-TV. "There's no floor, there's no anything really, just a closet and that was it."

The storm system also caused problems Sunday in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. On the shoreline in Bayonne, New Jersey, a barge washed up after apparently breaking free from its moorings.

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# Judge reinstates 6-game suspension for Cowboys' Elliott



By **TOM HAYS**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge cleared the way Monday night for the NFL to enforce a six-game suspension of Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott over domestic violence allegations.

U.S. District Judge Katherine Polk Failla denied the request for a preliminary injunction from players' union attorneys working for Elliott. Failla put the ruling on hold for 24 hours to give Elliott's legal team time to appeal, a likely move.

It's the second time a federal ruling has overturned a reprieve that kept Elliott on the field. Earlier this month, a federal appeals court threw out a Texas court's injunction and ordered the dismissal of Elliott's lawsuit there.

The NFL briefly enforced Commissioner

Roger Goodell's suspension before a judge sitting in for Failla in the Southern District of New York issued a temporary restraining order that blocked the punishment for the second time.

If the suspension holds this time, Elliott will be out starting Sunday at home against Kansas City. He will be eligible to return for the final three games, starting Dec. 17 at Oakland. The Cowboys (4-3), defending NFC East champions, are in second place in the division.

Elliott attended the roughly two-hour hearing in New York on Monday, a day after rushing for 150 yards and two touchdowns in a 33-19 win at Washington. Last year's NFL rushing leader left court without speaking to reporters.

One of Elliott's

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Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) celebrates his touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md., Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017.

## Riding high in summer, Dodgers on brink of wipeout in fall



AP Photo

The Houston Astros celebrates after Alex Bregman game winning single during Game 5 of baseball's World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, in Houston. Astros won 13-12.

By **BETH HARRIS**

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers were baseball's best team during the regular season, piling up 104 wins, blasting 53 homers in June and finishing up a 43-7 run in August.

Now, they're one loss away from being eliminated in their first World Series appearance since 1988.

Riding high in summer, potentially knocked out in fall.

All that early success could be wiped out with four defeats in October, leaving the Dodgers without the title they so desperately crave and last won 29 years ago.

"It would certainly be disheartening and disappointing," manager Dave Roberts said Monday. "At the outset, our goal was to be the last team standing and we still have that opportunity."

Los Angeles trails the Astros 3-2 heading into Game 6 on Tuesday night at Dodger Stadium.

"Right now, we're not thinking of the alternative," Roberts said.

The Dodgers won their record fifth consecutive NL West title before rolling past Arizona in the NL Division Series and the defending World Series champion Cubs in the NL Championship Series.

But that's nothing to hang their hat on.

"At the end of the year, if all you've won is the NL West and you still didn't reach the World Series or win the World Series, you didn't reach your goal," outfielder Andre Ethier, the longest-tenured Dodgers player, said on the eve of Game 1.

Ethier cautioned his teammates: "We haven't achieved anything, we haven't won anything. All we did was won the NL West and that doesn't mean anything."

Winning 100-plus games doesn't guarantee anything, either. Heading into opening day this season, 16 teams had posted that many wins since the

21st century began. Just two went on to win the World Series: the Cubs last year and the Yankees in 2009.

As for the others, they're better remembered for losing than winning.

The Mariners tied a major league record by winning 116 games in 2001. But Ichiro Suzuki and his teammates didn't get past the ALCS, bowing in five games to the Yankees.

The great Orioles teams of the late 1960s and early '70s had dominant pitching to go with an offense powered by Frank Robinson, Brooks Robinson and Boog Powell. They won 109 games in 1969 only to lose to the Miracle Mets in the World Series. They followed up with 108 victories in 1970 and beat Cincinnati for the title. But in 1971, despite notching 101 wins and having four 20-game winners on the mound, the O's failed to defend their

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## Watson shines, but Houston's defense struggles without Watt



AP Photo

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, left, drops to pass as Seahawks' Rees Odhiambo, center, blocks Houston Texans outside linebacker Jadeveon Clowney, right, in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, in Seattle.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Texans rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson continued his record-setting play in a loss to Seattle on Sunday.

However, Houston's defense will have to pick things up for the Texans to get back in the win column on Sunday against Indianapolis.

The Texans (3-4) allowed Russell Wilson to pile up 472 yards in the 41-38 loss as they gave up more than 40 points for the second time in three games on a day when Watson had four touchdown passes to become the first rookie to throw at least three in four straight games.

The unit took a huge hit when three-time Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt and outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus both sustained season-ending injuries in a 42-34 loss to Kansas City on Oct. 8.

Coach Bill O'Brien was asked what the defense needs to improve.

"Our defense did a great job of stopping the run, but there were ... too many pass plays that were 20 yards or more down the field," he said.

"Our guys need to do a better job of combining coverage and rush. Our coaches, all of us, starting with me, we all just need to kind of get back in there ... and start meeting with these guys and clean up the mistakes and move on to Indianapolis."

Houston has been good against the run all season, allowing just 96.6 yards a game which ranks ninth in the league. The problems have been

in the passing game where the Texans are giving up 238 yards a game, which is 22nd.

The Texans have struggled to generate much of a pass rush in the wake of the injuries. With Watt and Mercilus out, teams have routinely sent two and sometimes three players to keep Jadeveon Clowney out of the backfield.

Clowney was frustrated that the Texans lost another game where they were leading late after also dropping a game to the Patriots on a touchdown in the final minute.

"We have to figure out how to close games," he said. "This has happened twice, and both teams have been to the Super Bowl. We've got to start doing better at the end of games."

With Andrew Luck still out with a shoulder injury, the Texans face Jacoby Brissett when they host the Colts on Sunday.

The Texans already have history with Brissett after he led the Patriots to a 27-0 win over them last season in a first NFL start while filling in when Tom Brady served a suspension.

Brissett threw for just 103 yards in that game, but added 48 yards rushing and a touchdown to help the Patriots to the victory.

"He's a good player. He's big ... he beat us with his feet," O'Brien said. "I think he's going to be hard to handle."

Houston's secondary got a boost by the return of cornerback Kevin

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A defender's nightmare

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does not even appear to be the semblance of a 12th trick, let alone a 13th.

Nevertheless, all the tricks can be made, and it is not even a difficult proposition. All that needs to be done is to start playing, and 13 tricks fall right into your lap.

You start by cashing all five diamond tricks. You can safely discard a heart and a club from dummy, but if you put yourself in West's shoes, you will find yourself faced with a situation that even the biggest aspirin in the world can't cure.

West can discard two hearts on the third and fourth diamonds, but what can he discard on the fifth diamond? He will have to let go of a spade, a heart or a club, and as soon as he parts with any one of them, you automatically gain your 12th trick.

Not only that, but whichever suit he unguards subjects him to another squeeze when you cash the trick he just established for you, compelling him to unguard one of his two remaining suits. As soon as he does that, you acquire trick No. 13.

This could go on forever if there were more suits in the deck for West to guard, but there's no need to be sadistic. Poor West has already suffered enough.

Tomorrow: It's a delicate operation.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



### Spirits Haunt Under the Pisces Moon

The moon in the ethereal, artistic and emotional realm of Pisces promises that our sensitivities will be heightened, helping the spooks chill us to the bone while the creative aspects of the holiday inspire and delight us. Pisces is also the sign of ghosts. We'll remember the dead, not just to be frightened but to be connected to the cycle of life.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Hansel and Gretel learned the hard way about strangers giving away treats. Maybe the element of danger is still part of the thrill. For you, the only danger will be eating too much of what's offered in sincerely goodwill.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Trick-or-treating used to be an activity for the poor, who went begging this time of year. Your conscience will be pricked by the idea that there are needy you can help today. The needs might be more emotional than financial, though.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Whether or not you wear a costume today, you'll be keenly aware of the role you play being different from the one you wish to assume and what it will take to remedy the condition.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The best opportunities will come from being around people of different generations. The older learn from those younger as much as the younger learn from the older.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Pretending has value beyond novelty and laughs. In today's pretending you can try on a personality you don't have, or examine a part of yourself you normally don't get to explore.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Today is a chance to express your alter ego, and someone will be extremely interested in the "you" who emerges with this opportunity. Affections deepen when people get to know multiple facets of each other's personalities.

directed at you, you'll turn it to your advantage. The next 10 weeks will star love. A mentor will help you to take your work to greater depths and more lucrative places as well. You'll help family thrive in February. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 1, 39 and 6.

**HALLOWEEN BY ELEMENT: The WATER SIGNS** (that's Scorpio, Cancer and Pisces) tend to enjoy this macabre holiday the most, as they appreciate the deeper spiritual and psychological implications. We're born; we live; we die. Halloween celebrates that cycle by acknowledging the last act in a way we usually try not to in day-to-day life.

**AIR SIGNS** (Gemini, Aquarius and Libra) prefer to gloss over the deadly aspects of Halloween and focus on the social possibilities. These signs are all about the parties and fun. They may even prefer the preparation to the actual night: putting up decorations, creating costumes, discussing spooky plans, etc. The focus is on enjoying friends and loved ones.

**EARTH SIGNS** (Taurus, Capricorn, Virgo) it's about the food. Not just the candy (though a good deal of thought may go into the decision of what to pass out to trick-or-treaters) but also the planning of interesting, festive party food, seasonal delights and the like. The sense of community and trust that goes into the trick-or-treat tradition is also a strong focus.

**FIRE SIGNS** (Leo, Sagittarius and Aries) are compelled by the theatricality of Halloween. Constructing adrenaline-rushing scenarios and memory-making experiences is their favorite part of the deal. Also, fire signs are voted the most likely to wear surprisingly sexy costumes.

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ANSWER:



# TEXANS

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Johnson, who missed four games with a knee injury, on Sunday. He finished with five tackles, but O'Brien is looking for more from him this week.

"He's been out for a while, so I think probably knocking some of the rust off, but I think he, like he always does, he competes hard,"

O'Brien said.

"He's a great kid and he'll get better and better. He's been out for a while so it takes a while to get back into it."

The loss to the Seahawks capped a difficult week where the Texans dealt with owner Bob McNair's "inmates running the prison" comment.

The majority of the Texans kneeled during the national anthem on

Sunday, after none of them had kneeled before.

It raised questions about whether McNair's comments were a distraction to the team against Seattle, and if what happened will continue to hang over the Texans.

O'Brien said that he supports his players and their right to protest "100 percent" and said he's discussed the issue with a number of them.

"Hopefully we can move forward," he said. "I talked to a few guys after the game, I'm not saying I talked to every player after the game, but I talked to a few guys and it's really time to move forward and concentrate on football."

"In the end, we're here to coach and to play football and to win football games. That's ultimately what we're judged upon."

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title, losing to Pittsburgh in seven games.

Bash Brothers Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire powered Oakland to 104 wins in 1988, only to lose to the Dodgers in the World Series. The Athletics rebounded the following year with 99 wins and beat the Giants in the earthquake-interrupted Series before racking up 103 wins in 1990 and getting swept by the Reds in defense of their title.

The Dodgers had many milestone moments during the regular season. Alex Wood began the season 10-0, the first Dodgers starter to do so since Don Newcombe in 1955. Cody Bellinger, a favorite for NL Rookie of the Year, hit for the cycle on July 19, the ninth player in franchise history to accomplish the feat. Closer Kenley Jansen was undefeated.

By early August, the Dodgers had gone 43-7 for the best 50-game run by a major league team since the 1912 Giants.

They coasted for much of the season, with their lead stretching to a whopping 21 games on Aug. 23.

It was enough for them to survive a woeful September stretch in which they dropped 16 of 17, including a major league-worst 11 in a row.

But the turning of the calendar has brought mixed results.

Jansen has a blown save and a loss in this World Series. Ace Clayton Kershaw, so outstanding in a Game 1 victory, couldn't hold a four-run lead in Game 5 and allowed the Astros to tie the score on a walk, two hits and a three-run homer. Houston eventually won 13-12 in 10 innings to move within a victory its first championship.

This year, with a pair of 100-win teams in the World Series for the first time since 1970, someone is likely to end up being forgettable.



AP Photo

Houston Texans cornerback Kevin Johnson breaks up a pass intended for Seattle Seahawks tight end Jimmy Graham, right, in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, in Seattle.

# ZEKE

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lawyers and an NFL spokesman didn't immediately respond to requests for comment after the ruling.

The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended in August after the league concluded following a yearlong investigation that he had several physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with Tiffany Thompson, his girlfriend at the time.

Prosecutors in Columbus, Ohio, decided not to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, citing conflicting evidence. Elliott denied the allegations under oath during his NFL appeal.

The suspension's announcement led to weeks of court filings, with NFL Players Association lawyers contending league investigators withheld key evidence from Goodell and that the appeal hearing was unfair because arbitrator Harold Henderson refused to call Goodell and Thompson as witnesses.

Unlike three federal judges before her, Failla rejected most of those claims and backed the NFL's contention that it followed the collective bargaining agreement in suspending Elliott, and that those procedures were supported by federal labor law.

"Having negotiated with the NFLPA over the terms of a particular CBA, the NFL has an interest in obtaining the benefit of its bargain — an interest that might well be eroded if courts such as this one were permitted to micromanage the disciplinary de-

isions of the commissioner," Failla wrote.

The judge also said some of the reasons for Elliott's claim that he would suffer irreparable harm with a suspension were speculative.

"And any individual honors Elliott might attain absent suspension depend on countless variables — such as the Cowboys' overall offensive performance, his opponents' defensive performance, and Elliott's health — that together render this alleged harm far too speculative to justify injunctive relief," Failla wrote.

Failla based some of her rulings on the NFL's successful appeal in the same jurisdiction in the Deflategate case that ended with New England quarterback Tom Brady serving a four-game suspension. Brady delayed the punishment more than a year by winning a district court ruling.

NFLPA lawyer Jeffrey Kessler argued before Failla that the hearing was "fundamentally unfair" because it downplayed the conclusion by an internal investigator that Thompson wasn't credible in her account.

Failla disagreed, writing that testimony from the NFL appeal hearing made it clear that Goodell was aware of the investigator's views.

She also backed the NFL's interest in timely penalties under its personal conduct policy, which three years ago was changed to stiffen penalties in domestic cases.

Elliott is third in the NFL in rushing with 690 yards in seven games. He's tied for the league lead with six rushing touchdowns.

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### Anti-Semitic stickers of Anne Frank appear in German soccer

BERLIN (AP) — Anti-Semitic stickers of Holocaust victim Anne Frank have surfaced at some soccer events in Germany after they first triggered a scandal in Italy.

The German news agency dpa reported Tuesday that stickers with the image of the Jewish girl wearing a jersey of a Leipzig team were found in the eastern German city and others were found in the western city of Duesseldorf.

The sticker of the girl wearing the Leipzig BSG Chemie team shirt also had the abbreviation JDN CHM on it, short for "Jews Chemicals."

Anne Frank became a tragic symbol for all Holocaust victims because of the diary she wrote while in hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam with her family from 1942-1944. They were betrayed, caught and deported, and Anne died in a concentration camp at 15.

### Suicide bomber kills 5 near US Embassy in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber struck near the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan's capital on Tuesday, killing five people in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group.

Health Ministry spokesman Wahid Mujro said another 20 people were wounded in the blast, which took place in a heavily-guarded area housing several diplomatic missions and the offices of international organizations.

IS claimed the bombing in a brief statement carried by its Aamaq news agency, without specifying the target.

"There were a number of dead bodies and wounded victims lying around," said Ghulam Hazrat, who witnessed the attack. He said military and civilian ambulances arrived quickly.

The attack took place about 500 meters (yards) from the American Embassy, but there were no reports of foreigners killed or wounded.

Gen. Dawlat Waziri, spokesman for the Defense Ministry, said the bomber was on foot. The police promptly cordoned off the area of the attack.

An Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan has carried out several attacks in recent years, mainly targeting the country's Shiite minority, which the Sunni extremists view as apostates. The IS affiliate is largely made up of disenchanting insurgents who left the much larger and more well-established Taliban.

Although both groups want to impose a harsh version of Islamic rule in Afghanistan, they are bitterly divided over leadership and ideology, and have clashed on a number of occasions.

### Russia admits delays at some World Cup sites but no crisis

MOSCOW (AP) — A key Russian government official overseeing preparations for the World Cup next year says there are delays at some sites but no need to worry.

Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Mutko, who chairs Russia's organizing committee, says that with less than eight months to go until the tournament "there are certain delays on various facilities, but the overall situation is under control and we aren't too worried by it," in comments reported by Russian agency R-Sport.

Mutko singled out the "very difficult engineering structure" of the stadium in Samara, which he said was the only one of the 12 arenas where the pitch has not been laid.

He also called on regional leaders to speed up work on team bases, saying foreign team staff were "disturbed" to see ongoing construction work when they visited some sites.

# SKorea, China move to resolve disputes and hold summit talks

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea and China announced Tuesday that they will work to improve their relationship, which has been badly strained by the deployment of an American missile defense system, with Seoul saying their leaders are set to hold talks next week.

The thaw in relations comes amid increased regional tensions over North Korea's nuclear ambitions and ahead of President Donald Trump's scheduled visit to both countries next week as part of his first Asian tour.

Relations between Beijing and Seoul have been testy since South Korea allowed the U.S. to deploy a contentious missile defense system on its soil, triggering economic retaliation from China. China views the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system's powerful radar as a threat to its own security. South Korea and the U.S. say the system is purely defensive and aimed at countering possible North Korean threats.

China and South Korea recently agreed that they should soon normalize their relations and boost cooperation for a peaceful, diplomatic resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue, Seoul's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

The ministry statement said Beijing reaffirmed its opposition to THAAD and asked South Korea to handle "relevant issues appropriately," while South Korea reiterated the system doesn't target China. It said military officials of the two countries will discuss Chinese worries about the THAAD system.

Seoul's presidential office announced separately that President Moon Jae-in and Chinese President Xi Jinping will hold summit talks next week on the sidelines of an annual regional forum in Vietnam. It would be their second one-on-one meeting since Moon's inauguration in May.

China's Foreign Ministry in its own statement did not mention a summit. In that statement, Beijing repeated its objection to the anti-missile system but it indicated an interest in improving ties. It said both sides attached great importance to their relationship and were willing to push forward on developing a cooperative partnership.

Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said later Tuesday that Beijing had noted that South Korea stated it would not consider deploying an additional THAAD battery on its soil and made other gestures toward China's concerns.

"We hope South Korea can honor its commitments, translate its words into actions and properly deal with the relevant issue," Hua told reporters at a daily news briefing.

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